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SUBJ: SIAD'S EUROPEAN TRIP-AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A COORDINATED WESTERN POSITION TO THE SOMALI LEADER

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CLAUDE MANTEL TOOK CHARGE ASIDE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12, AND SAID HE WANTED TO BRING THE USG UP TO DATE ON PRESIDENT SIAD'S TRAVEL PLANS TO PARIS. MANTEL SAID HE HAD TOLD SIAD 10 DAYS AGO THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE SOMALI LEADER ON JULY 11, BUT
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COULD NOT DO SO BEFOREHAND. SIAD WAS DISAPPOINTED, REPORTED AMBASSADOR MANTEL, SINCE HE HOPED TO PUT TOGETHER A CONSECUTIVE STRING OF VISITS TO THE FOUR MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS. SIAD ASKED THE FRENCH TO RECONSIDER. MANTEL HAS PUT THE REQUEST TO PARIS.

2. COMMENT: SIAD'S EUROPEAN TRIP OFFERS A UNIQUE

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OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE THE WESTERN POSITION AND DELIVER A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE SOMALI LEADER. IF THE FOUR POWERS CAN SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN THE RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, AND ARE AGREED TO LEND SIAD SOME OF THE MILITARY SUPPORT HE SO DESPARATELY WANTS, THEN WE BELIEVE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN AND RESPOND FAVORABLY. MOREOVER, IF SIAD HEARS THE SAME MESSAGE FROM FOUR LEADERS WHO ARE CLEARLY IN AUTHORITY, IT WOULD LESSEN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT HE MAY ATTEMPT TO PLAY ONE OFF AGAINST THE OTHER. THE USG COULD SUB-SEQUENTLY ASSOCIATE ITSELF VIA A DEMARCHE HERE WITH THE POSITION THE EUROPEAN LEADERS HAVE TAKEN. THE OPPOR-TUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON SIAD WESTERN CONCERNS FOR A CONCILIATORY STEP TOWARD KENYA, RESTRAINT OF THE LIBERATION FRONTS IN THE OGADEN, AND UNDERGIRDING THE SECURITY OF DJIBOUTI, WILL PRESUMABLY NOT COME AGAIN AT SUCH A LEVEL FOR A LONG TIME. WE BELIEVE THE MESSAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTED IF THERE WERE A TANGIBLE GAIN FOR SIAD TO WHICH HE COULD POINT AFTER THE TRIP, EG: THE EARLY DELIVERY OF SOME ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONRY WITH INDICATIONS THAT MORE OF HIS PRIORITY REQUIRE-MENTS WOULD BE SATISFIED IF HE AGREED TO THE RESTRAINTS AND STEPS THE WESTERN POWERS PROPOSE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS A GOOD BEHAVIOR INCENTATIVE. SIAD KNOWS HE IS GOING TO RECEIVE IT ANY-WAY. HE IS NOT DISINTERESTED IN AID, BUT IT IS

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MILITARY SUPPORT ON WHICH HE IS PRIMARILY FOCUSED.

3. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THE DEPARTMENT TAKE THE LEAD IN COORDINATING A WESTERN POSITION TO PRESENT TO SIAD ON HIS EUROPEAN TRIP.
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